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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEAN, RP  
SUBJECT: ASEAN

1. REVIEWED BRIEFLY WITH MARCOS AUGUST 9 RECENTLY CONCLUDED ASEAN CONFERENCE, NOTING THAT THERE HAD BEEN SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS, SPECIFICALLY DECISION TO SEND OPIC DELEGATION OF POTENTIAL INVESTORS, VISIT TO THE REGION BY EX-IM PRESIDENT MOORE AND THE MOVE INTO DESIGN PHASE OF FOUR ASEAN PROJECTS. CONFERENCE HAD FURTHERMORE STIMULATED MUCH USEFUL PUBLICITY FOR ASEAN PARTICULARLY IN CONGRESSIONAL AND BUSINESS CIRCLES.

2. ADDED THAT THERE ALSO HAD BEEN VERY FRANK DISCUSSIONS ABOUT A COMMON FUND. REVIEWED COMMENTS ON THIS ISSUE BY PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARIES VANCE AND BLUMENTHAL AND UNDER SECRETARY COOPER. PRESIDENT SAID HE WAS DISTURBED BY APPARENT CONTINUED USG REFUSAL TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF  
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STABILIZING EXPORT EARNINGS OTHER THAN ON COMMODITY BY COMMODITY BASIS. REPLIED THAT WE HAD ALWAYS CONSIDERED COMMON FUND AND STABEX TO BE CUMBERSOME AND INEFFECTIVE APPROACHES BUT WE RECOGNIZED THAT ASEAN HAD TAKEN PARTICULARLY WELL THOUGHT OUT APPROACH TO PROBLEM AND WE WERE SERIOUSLY THINKING ABOUT OUR RESPONSE. CAUTIONED HIM THAT OUR RESPONSE COULD NOT BE IN PURELY REGIONAL, ASEAN CONTEXT.

3. WE HAD FURTHER BRIEF DISCUSSION ON WORLDWIDE TRENDS  
TOWARDS PROTECTIONISM. HE FOCUSSED ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES  
AND SAID HE HAD BEEN PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY RECENT SHIFT  
IN FRENCH POSITION. I GRANTED THERE HAD BEEN SHIFT AT BONN  
SUMMIT BUT NOTED USG STILL HAD DIFFICULT TIME WITH GOF  
POLICY ON AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS. WE  
WERE ATTEMPTING MAINTAIN MAXIMUM FREE TRADE WORLDWIDE AND  
RESIST PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES. MURPHY

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